IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 50 2008 CA 040805XXXX MB

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

ANN M NEU A/K/A ANN MICHELLE PEREZ; DOUGLAS WILLIAM NEU; UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF JEFFREY STEPHAN

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| 1 | PROCEEDINGS |
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| 3 | Deposition taken before Jamie Reynolds Bentley, Court |
| 4 | Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Florida |
| 5 | at Large, in the above cause. |
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| 7 | THE COURT REPORTER: Do you swear or affirm that |
| 8 | the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, |
| 9 | the whole truth and nothing but the truth? |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: I do. |
| 11 | Thereupon, |
| 12 | (JEFFREY STEPHAN) |
| 13 | having been first duly sworn or affirmed, was examined |
| 14 | and testified as follows: |
| 15 | DIRECT EXAMINATION |
| 16 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 17 | Q. All right. We are here on GMAC Mortgage, LLC |
| 18 | versus Neu. This is the deposition of Jeffrey Stephan. |
| 19 | I'm sure your attorney has gone over things with you a |
| 20 | little bit. But if you could just keep one thing in |
| 21 | mind, to answer, not to simply nod your head or anything |
| 22 | like that. We need for your answers to be clear for the |
| 23 | court reporter that way. |
| 24 | A. Yes. |
| 25 | Q. Could you please state your name for the |

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| 1 | record. | |
| 2 | A. My name is Jeffrey Stephan. | |
| 3 | Q. Okay. And who do you work for? | |
| 4 | A. GMAC, LLC. | |
| 5 | Q. And is there a difference between GMAC, LLC | |
| 6 | and GMAC Mortgage, LLC? | |
| 7 | A. GMAC, LLC I'm trying to think of the wor | d |
| 8 | to use the most recent name. | |
| 9 | Q. Okay. | |
| 10 | A. It's GMCA Mortgage Corporation. | |
| 11 | Q. Okay. | |
| 12 | A. I'm not sure how you would word that. | |
| 13 | Q. Okay. So are they does GMAC, LLC now | |
| 14 | has that basically taken over these other entities | |
| 15 | A. Yes. | |
| 16 | Q that formerly existed? | |
| 17 | A. Yes. | |
| 18 | Q. So these entities no longer currently exist | ? |
| 19 | A. Right. | |
| 20 | Q. Okay. And how long then have you been | |
| 21 | employed by GMAC, LLC? | |
| 22 | A. Five years. | |
| 23 | Q. Okay. And prior to that, it was GMAC Mortg | age |
| 24 | and GMAC Corporation? | |
| 25 | A. That was as the whole five years. | |

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| 1 | Q. Oh, okay. |
| 2 | A. Yes. |
| 3 | Q. As the whole five years. And what is your |
| 4 | title? |
| 5 | A. I'm a team leader in the foreclosure |
| 6 | department. |
| 7 | Q. Okay. And what are your responsibilities? |
| 8 | A. I am the team lead of the document execution |
| 9 | unit. |
| 10 | Q. Okay. |
| 11 | A. And also the service transfer unit. |
| 12 | Q. And so what type of documents do you |
| 13 | ordinarily execute? |
| 14 | A. I execute on a daily basis assignments of |
| 15 | mortgage, affidavits of any type that might be needed, |
| 16 | deeds. Any type of the document that would need a |
| 17 | signature of an officer of GMAC. |
| 18 | Q. Okay. And who do you report to? |
| 19 | A. I report to Margie Kwiatanowski. |
| 20 | Q. Could you spell that? |
| 21 | A. Yes. It's K-W-I-A-T-A-N-O-W-S-K-I. |
| 22 | Q. Okay. And approximately how many employees |
| 23 | does GMAC Mortgage, LLC have? |
| 24 | A. I couldn't guess. I don't know. |
| 25 | Q. Sure. Okay. And as part of your |

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| 1 | responsibilities, you execute assignments as a vice |
| 2 | president of MERS? |
| 3 | A. Yes, that's correct. |
| 4 | Q. And in executing affidavits as a vice |
| 5 | president, do you receive any compensation from MERS? |
| 6 | A. No. |
| 7 | Q. Have you had any training from MERS? |
| 8 | A. No. |
| 9 | Q. Okay. How many documents would you say you |
| 10 | sign on an average week as far as executing affidavits |
| 11 | and things of that nature? |
| 12 | A. It's very tough to estimate that to be honest |
| 13 | with you. |
| 14 | Q. In a given month, would that be easier to say |
| 15 | |
| 16 | A. I would say |
| 17 | Q one hundred, 500? |
| 18 | A in a month, my team brings to me |
| 19 | approximately, I'd say a round number of 10,000. That's |
| 20 | just an estimate, of course. |
| 21 | Q. Okay. And so, 10,000 your team brings to you. |
| 22 | How many people do you oversee? |
| 23 | A. A team of 13 people. |
| 24 | Q. Okay. Now, would these people be given the |
| 25 | duties of actually preparing the documents that you |

Page 8 ultimately sign and execute? 1 2 They would review the document that is given to them through our computer systems. 3 Q. Okay. 4 So they don't actually prepare it per se. 5 Α. They review it for the accuracy of what type of entity 6 7 I'm signing as. 0. How many different entities do you sign 8 Okay. 9 as? Objection: MS. ARROYAVE: 10 Form. BY MR. IMMEL: 11 12 Q. Can you name what entities you sign --I sign presently as MERS. Α. 13 14 Q. Okay. And under MERS as vice president or an 15 Α. 16 assistant secretary. Also, I sign for GMAC Mortgage. And to be honest with you, it's too many entities for me 17 to actually quote under GMAC. But it is as a limited 18 19 signing officer. 20 Q. Okay. And earlier you stated that right now it's GMAC, LLC. 21 Uh-huh. 2.2. Α. 23 Ο. You do still currently sign documents as GMAC Mortgage, LLC? 24 25 Α. Yes, I do.

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| 1 | Q. Okay. And also as a corporation |
| 2 | A. Yes. |
| 3 | Q and some of the others that we've seen your |
| 4 | signature on? |
| 5 | A. Yes, I do. |
| 6 | Q. Okay. Where then does the information that |
| 7 | goes into the system that your team reviews |
| 8 | A. Yes. |
| 9 | Q where does that information come from? |
| 10 | A. The process that we use is and this is to |
| 11 | my knowledge a file is referred to a foreclosure |
| 12 | attorney stating exactly what entity would be needed |
| 13 | through the referral unit. And at that point, the |
| 14 | attorney receives the file to proceed with the |
| 15 | foreclosure. That foreclosure name is generated upon |
| 16 | GMAC supplying it on the referral. I'm not 100 percent |
| 17 | sure of what that process is. |
| 18 | Q. Okay. |
| 19 | A. The documentation, as you stated, that you're |
| 20 | asking about, is given to us after the attorney has been |
| 21 | instructed on what name to foreclose in. |
| 22 | Q. And who instructs the attorney as to what name |
| 23 | to foreclose it in? |
| 24 | A. It comes to our referral unit. Which is |
| 25 | another process to my knowledge. |

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| 1 | Q. Okay. Approximately, if 10,000 are signed in |
| 2 | a given month, you know, on an average, how long would |
| 3 | you say you spend executing each one and actually |
| 4 | signing? |
| 5 | A. It's tough to say. |
| 6 | Q. Okay. Would it be accurate to say that when |
| 7 | these documents have been presented to you by your team |
| 8 | |
| 9 | A. Uh-huh. |
| 10 | Q you take the face value that they are |
| 11 | they have been checked by your team? |
| 12 | A. That would be a correct statement, yes. |
| 13 | Q. So these documents wouldn't be actually |
| 14 | executed on your own personal knowledge? |
| 15 | A. Right. |
| 16 | Q. It would be based on knowledge that came |
| 17 | through |
| 18 | A. Right. |
| 19 | Q the chain |
| 20 | A. I'm sorry. |
| 21 | MS. ARROYAVE: Can I interrupt just for a |
| 22 | second? I just want to make sure that he finishes |
| 23 | his question before you answer. |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: Sure. Sorry. |
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| 1 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 2 | Q. Yes, yes, that's true, too. |
| 3 | So the information that your team obtains |
| 4 | isn't based on their personal knowledge either, it's |
| 5 | located within the computer networks? |
| 6 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 7 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 8 | Q. The information on the documents that you |
| 9 | execute is stored within your data base? |
| 10 | A. No, somewhere else. |
| 11 | Q. No. Okay. The information then is that |
| 12 | your team, they get that from a computer network that |
| 13 | you have, correct? |
| 14 | A. No. |
| 15 | Q. Where does your team get that information? |
| 16 | A. That information is first given to the |
| 17 | attorney to foreclose under which name as needed. If we |
| 18 | are stating some type of assignment, for example, the |
| 19 | attorney, to my knowledge, and I'm not 100 percent sure |
| 20 | of their process because I don't work for the attorney, |
| 21 | they would do a title check to verify what name the lien |
| 22 | is presently in. |
| 23 | Q. Okay. |
| 24 | A. At that point is when it would initial if an |
| 25 | assignment would be needed or not. |

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| 1 | Q. So at the direction of the attorney, your team |
| 2 | creates these documents and then you execute them? |
| 3 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 4 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 5 | Q. So your team executes documents at the request |
| 6 | of attorneys? |
| 7 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objecting: Form. You can |
| 8 | still answer it if you understand the question. |
| 9 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 10 | Q. Do you understand what I'm asking? |
| 11 | A. Yes, I understand what you're asking. My team |
| 12 | does not create any documents. |
| 13 | Q. These documents are then sent from the |
| 14 | attorney? |
| 15 | A. Yes. |
| 16 | Q. Okay. And you're so then the team that you |
| 17 | oversee |
| 18 | A. Uh-huh. |
| 19 | Q simply reviews them for accuracy? |
| 20 | A. That's correct. |
| 21 | Q. Okay. And how do they verify the information |
| 22 | is accurate? |
| 23 | A. They do not go into the system and verify the |
| 24 | information as accurate. We are relying on our attorney |
| 25 | network to ensure that they are asking for the correct |

Page 13 information. 1 2 So the attorney creates these documents and you are relying that the attorney is correct? 3 Α. Yes. 4 5 MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: 6 BY MR. IMMEL: 7 Okay. And then they are required to be Q. notarized. Are they notarized in your office? 8 9 Α. Yes. Is the notary present with you or is it down 10 Q. the hall? 11 12 Α. The notary is in the same department. Same department. Okay. Are they physically Q. 13 present when you (sic) notarize this -- or when they 14 notarize and then you execute it? 15 16 Α. No, they are not physically present. But I will -- I do deliver them to the notary. 17 18 Q. All right. 19 And I wait for them to notarize it to hand 20 them back to my team. Q. Okay. All right. What department then? You 21 22 said your department? 23 Α. Right. And as part of their job responsibilities, 24 25 would notarizing be their sole responsibility, or do

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| 1 | they have other responsibilities? |
| 2 | A. They have other responsibilities. |
| 3 | Q. Are any of the members of your team, people |
| 4 | that also notarize documents that you execute? |
| 5 | A. Yes. |
| 6 | Q. Yes. Okay. Is there a job requirement that |
| 7 | certain employees become notaries? |
| 8 | A. I don't know. |
| 9 | Q. Okay. And what type of what level of a |
| 10 | type of employee would it typically be that is a notary? |
| 11 | A. I don't know that either. |
| 12 | Q. All right. Does the company pay for the |
| 13 | process of becoming a notary or the renewal fees? |
| 14 | A. Yes. |
| 15 | Q. Okay. If a notary feels that they are being |
| 16 | asked to notarize something that's done improperly, is |
| 17 | there a process which they can, you know, raise that to |
| 18 | anybody's attention? |
| 19 | A. I honestly don't know. |
| 20 | Q. You are not sure. Do you notarize any |
| 21 | assignments of mortgage or other documents yourself? |
| 22 | A. No. |
| 23 | Q. Are you a notary? |
| 24 | A. No. |
| 25 | Q. How are witnesses ordinarily chosen? |

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| 1 | MS. ARROYAVE: Object: Form. |
| 2 | Chosen for what? |
| 3 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 4 | Q. The witnesses to, say, the assignments of the |
| 5 | mortgage, and the witnesses of things that you execute. |
| 6 | A. They are just chosen randomly. |
| 7 | Q. Chosen randomly. Okay. Approximately how |
| 8 | many days a week do you spend executing assignments, |
| 9 | affidavits, and the various documents that you execute? |
| 10 | A. Five. |
| 11 | Q. Five. Okay. Are there any specific days |
| 12 | where it's one day these types of documents, this type |
| 13 | of documents, or can it be just a mix? |
| 14 | A. It's a mix. |
| 15 | Q. Okay. Approximately how many documents would |
| 16 | you say are presented to you by your team at a given |
| 17 | time? Is it one at a time, or ten at a time? |
| 18 | A. It is done in bulk. |
| 19 | Q. Done in bulk. |
| 20 | A. I could not quote you the exact number. |
| 21 | Q. Okay. Going back to the signing officer as |
| 22 | Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, you said that |
| 23 | you are you sign as both vice president and as an |
| 24 | assistant secretary? |
| 25 | A. That is correct. |

Page 16 Is there any basis for one -- you sign as one 1 Q. 2 versus the other? The majority of the time I sign as a vice 3 president. Most times we do not need an assistant 4 secretary, unless they are asking for a second signature 5 on any type of an affidavit or assignment. Okay. And, again, you are not paid by MERS. 7 Q. Do you hold any other responsibilities with MERS that 8 9 would be consistent with having the title of a vice president? 10 Α. No. 11 12 Q. No. Okay. So you don't attend any board 13 meetings for MERS? No. 14 Α. You don't report to the secretary of MERS or 15 Q. 16 any other people at MERS? 17 Α. No. 0. How did you become a MERS representative? Did 18 you request to be a vice president of MERS? 19 A. I received the responsibility as being the 20 team lead for document executing. It was assigned to me 21 22 by our legal area. 23 Okay. All right. So your responsibilities as a vice president of MERS to execute the assignments is 24 25 really your job perspective, or an aspect of your job at

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| 1 | Page 17 GMAC Mortgage, LLC or GMAC, LLC? |
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| 2 | A. That is correct. |
| 3 | Q. Okay. And you've never been to any MERS |
| 4 | offices or their headquarters? |
| 5 | A. No. |
| 6 | Q. Are you aware of why you were given the title |
| 7 | of vice president versus assistant secretary or |
| 8 | A. No, I'm not aware of that. |
| 9 | Q. Okay. All right. I have here the assignment |
| 10 | of mortgage which you executed in this case. |
| 11 | A. Okay. |
| 12 | MR. IMMEL: I'll enter that as Exhibit A. |
| 13 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter A was marked for |
| 14 | identification.) |
| 15 | MR. IMMEL: I have a copy for you, as well. |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: Thank you. |
| 17 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 18 | Q. In the top left-hand corner it says, Record |
| 19 | and return to offices of Marshall C. Watson. |
| 20 | Based on your earlier statements, it's |
| 21 | accurate to say that attorneys at Marshall C. Watson |
| 22 | created the information on this document? |
| 23 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: That would be correct. |
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| 1 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 2 | Q. Okay. And who so an attorney chose the |
| 3 | date of the 4th day of March, 2009. |
| 4 | Can you tell me the date actually. Whether |
| 5 | that's the 3rd or the 5th of March. |
| 6 | A. To me it seems to be the 5th. |
| 7 | Q. Okay. |
| 8 | A. Actually, excuse me, let me change that. It |
| 9 | would have to be the 3rd, because the notary did it on |
| 10 | the 4th. |
| 11 | Q. Okay. And that is your signature on this |
| 12 | document? |
| 13 | A. That is correct. |
| 14 | Q. Okay. Is it commonplace then for the notary |
| 15 | to notarize a document the day after you've apparently |
| 16 | executed it? |
| 17 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: I would say, yes, it would be |
| 19 | common. |
| 20 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 21 | Q. Okay. So typically when you hand these off to |
| 22 | the notary, and then they kind of catch up? |
| 23 | A. Uh-huh. Yes. |
| 24 | Q. Okay. The witnesses, Heather Reinhart, do you |
| 25 | know her personally? |

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| 1 | A. Yes, she is one of my employees. |
| 2 | Q. Is she on your team? |
| 3 | A. Yes. |
| 4 | Q. Is it possible that she would have been one of |
| 5 | the people who reviewed this for accuracy? |
| 6 | A. That is possible. |
| 7 | Q. And the other person appears to be Tyra |
| 8 | Wilks |
| 9 | A. Wilson. |
| 10 | Q. Tyra Wilson. Okay. Is she also a member of |
| 11 | your team? |
| 12 | A. Yes. |
| 13 | Q. And you know her personally, as well? |
| 14 | A. Yes. |
| 15 | Q. The notary, Susan Turner, is she a member of |
| 16 | your team? |
| 17 | A. No, she is not. |
| 18 | Q. Do you know her personally? |
| 19 | A. Yes. |
| 20 | Q. It says here that you personally appeared |
| 21 | before her on the 4th day of March. Is it possible that |
| 22 | you executed then on the 3rd, and handed it to her and |
| 23 | then you weren't personally in front of her at the time |
| 24 | she notarized this? |
| 25 | A. I don't know. I can't recollect. |

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| 1 | Q. All right. And how did you determine on this |
| 2 | to execute it to GMAC Mortgage, LLC? |
| 3 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 4 | THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if I understand the |
| 5 | question. |
| 6 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| .7 | Q. Okay. Did you have any say in the creation of |
| 8 | who MERS would assign this to? |
| 9 | A. No. |
| 10 | Q. No. Your attorney, the Law Office of Marshall |
| 11 | C. Watson, determined that? |
| 12 | A. No. |
| 13 | Q. No. |
| 14 | A. That is, as I stated earlier, when the |
| 15 | foreclosure referral goes out, the referral unit |
| 16 | determines what entity they should be foreclosing on. |
| 17 | Q. Okay. And the foreclosure referral unit that |
| 18 | you speak of, is that part of your department? |
| 19 | A. Yes. |
| 20 | Q. Okay. So would they have records that they |
| 21 | are able to refer to to determine who the new mortgagee |
| 22 | should be according to these assignments? |
| 23 | A. Yes. |
| 24 | Q. And who do you have a name of any person |
| 25 | that keeps those documents? |

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| 1 | A. The team lead for that would be Brenda. |
| 2 | Q. Brenda? |
| 3 | A. Her last name is Staehle, S-T-A-E-H-L-E. |
| 4 | Q. Okay. |
| 5 | A. I think that's the way it's spelled. |
| 6 | Q. Can you tell me you really don't have any |
| 7 | knowledge or information as to who should be the |
| 8 | mortgagee? According to this document, you take it for |
| 9 | face value; is that correct? |
| 10 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: Can you explain that further? |
| 12 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 13 | Q. You take it for face value that GMAC Mortgage, |
| 14 | LLC is expected to be the mortgagee? |
| 1 5 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 16 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 17 | Q. Who would have information who who MERS |
| 18 | should assign this to? Would it be you or Brenda |
| 19 | Staehle? |
| 20 | A. Brenda Staehle would be the individual or her |
| 21 | team to refer the files, and they determine what name |
| 22 | should be foreclosing in. |
| 23 | Q. Okay. So everything from that point on is |
| 24 | based on the presumption that her team has ascertained |
| 25 | those things to be correct? |

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| 1 | A. That is correct. |
| 2 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 3 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 4 | Q. All right. Okay. So on March 5th, 2009, |
| 5 | you're not aware |
| 6 | A. I believe it's the 3rd. |
| 7 | Q. March 3rd. I'm sorry. March 3rd, 2009, |
| 8 | you're not aware of any physical transfer of the |
| 9 | mortgage? |
| 10 | A. Can you rephrase that? I'm not following. |
| 11 | Q. Are you aware of any reason why the assignment |
| 12 | of mortgage had to be executed on March 5th, 2009 or |
| 13 | the 3rd, 2009? I'm sorry. |
| 14 | A. We have a process that's set up with our |
| 15 | attorney network. And Marshall Watson is in that |
| 16 | attorney network. The file is referred to them with a |
| 17 | certain name to proceed with the foreclosure in. They |
| 18 | will pull title. And whatever they see title is in, in |
| 19 | order to proceed in the proper name, they need to get an |
| 20 | assignment. In this instance it's MERS to GMAC. |
| 21 | Q. Okay. Are the assignments supposed to be |
| 22 | completed prior to the filing of the foreclosure |
| 23 | lawsuit? |
| 24 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
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| 1 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 2 | Q. Are you aware if it's a company policy at |
| 3 | least? |
| 4 | A. I don't know. |
| 5 | Q. Okay. So as this assignment of mortgage, on |
| 6 | the face of it, transfers from Mortgage Electronic |
| 7 | Registration Systems as nominee for Mortgage Investors |
| 8 | Corporation to GMAC Mortgage, LLC on March 3rd, 2009, |
| 9 | would it be accurate to say that prior to that, this |
| 10 | assignment, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems was |
| 11 | the mortgagee? |
| 12 | A. No. |
| 13 | Q. No. Okay. Why would that not be accurate to |
| 14 | say? |
| 15 | A. Mortgage Electronic Registration, to my |
| 16 | knowledge, is an origination entity to allow the passing |
| 17 | of assignments through performing loans to make it more |
| 18 | easier, I guess you would say, to transfer amongst |
| 19 | different companies. MERS does not own loans. |
| .20 | Q. They wouldn't own the loan. But they would |
| 21 | own the mortgage; is that correct? |
| 22 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: It's not correct, no. |
| 24 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 25 | Q. No. So they are the named mortgagee, so that |

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| 1 | when the note is passed from entity to entity it doesn't |
| 2 | have to be rerecorded? |
| 3 | A. That is to my knowledge, yes. |
| 4 | Q. All right. On this it also says that MERS is |
| 5 | assigning the mortgage together with the note. I don't |
| 6 | know if you see that line there. It's right there |
| 7 | (indicating). |
| 8 | As you just stated, MERS has no interest in |
| 9 | the note ever; is that correct? |
| 10 | A. I honestly don't know. |
| 11 | Q. Oh, okay. As far as you're aware |
| 12 | A. Yes. |
| 13 | Q MERS doesn't |
| 14 | A. As far as I'm aware. (Witness nods head.) |
| 15 | Q. Okay. Are you aware of whether that's common |
| 16 | language to exist in the assignments that you execute? |
| 17 | A. I honestly don't know. |
| 18 | Q. You're not sure. Okay. All right. |
| 19 | MR. IMMEL: And I have a copy of the first |
| 20 | page of the mortgage here. Which I'll enter as |
| 21 | ExhibitB. |
| 22 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter B was marked for |
| 23 | identification.) |
| 24 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 25 | Q. If you will notice it says that the mortgagee |

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| 1 | according to the mortgage is Mortgage Electronic |
| 2 | Registration Systems. |
| 3 | I believe it's right down there (indicating). |
| 4 | A. I disagree with that interpretation. |
| 5 | MS. ARROYAVE: Was there a question? |
| 6 | MR. IMMEL: Yes. |
| 7 | MS. ARROYAVE: What was the question? |
| 8 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 9 | Q. According to the mortgage, it says that MERS |
| 10 | is the mortgagee? |
| 11 | A. My interpretation, it says right in the same |
| 12 | paragraph, it says they are a nominee for the lender or |
| 13 | the lender successors. |
| 14 | Q. Right. Okay. They are the mortgagee as |
| 15 | nominee |
| 16 | A. Uh-huh. |
| 17 | Q for the lenders? |
| 18 | A. Yes. |
| 19 | Q. Okay. But they are a different entity from |
| 20 | the lender and lender successors and things? |
| 21 | A. Yes. |
| 22 | Q. Okay. What does nominee in that regards mean? |
| 23 | A. I don't know. |
| 24 | Q. Okay. We can move on from there. |
| 25 | I have here which I'll enter as Exhibit |

Page 26 C -- some discovery that we received from MERS. 1 2 (Defendant's Exhibit Letter C was marked for identification.) 3 BY MR. IMMEL: 4 5 Q. And if you will turn to the second page. 6 is the document entitled, Min Summary. And have you ever seen these records before? 7 No, I have not. Α. 9 So in executing the assignments of mortgage on Q. behalf of MERS, do you consult any of MERS' records? 10 Α. No. 11 12 Q. And you are not able to tell me what any of these entries would then mean? This is the first time 13 you have seen this type of information? 14 15 Α. In this format, yes. 16 Q. Okay. Have you seen this type of information in other formats? 17 Some of it. I understand what they mean as 18 19 far as the acronyms in there. 20 Okay. Based on your understanding, the investor says -- the investor is identified as 21 22 Government National Mortgage Association - Ginnie Mae. 23 What does the word "investor" mean in MERS' acronym? 24 Are you aware?

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I'm not sure how I can explain it. GMAC would

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| 1 | be the holder and the owner of the mortgage. GMAC would |
| 2 | be the investor who is in the organization that |
| 3 | contributed the fund. That's really the only way I can |
| 4 | explain the relationship of an investor and servicer. |
| 5 | Q. Okay. |
| 6 | A. But that's only to my knowledge. I mean, I |
| 7 | don't work in that fashion. |
| 8 | Q. Okay. So the servicer is supposed to take on |
| 9 | the day-to-day activities of administering the mortgage |
| 10 | of loan and collecting payments and so forth? |
| 11 | A. That would be correct. |
| 12 | Q. And they do that on behalf of the investor who |
| 13 | loaned the monies? |
| 14 | A. Yes. |
| 15 | Q. Okay. And any monies that are received from |
| 16 | the servicers, would they really be for the investor |
| 17 | then to pay him back the loan? |
| 18 | A. I don't know. |
| 19 | Q. Okay. And as custodian, also, that would mean |
| 20 | that they are in possession of the mortgage file, |
| 21 | essentially, the note and any other applicable |
| 22 | documents? |
| 23 | A. That's correct. |
| 24 | Q. Okay. All right. Where it has the pool |
| 25 | number and it is blacked out. Do you know what the pool |

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| 1 | number refers to? |
| 2 | A. No, I don't. |
| 3 | Q. No. Okay. And what about the investor loan |
| 4 | number? |
| 5 | A. Yes, I understand what that is. |
| 6 | Q. And what would that relate to? |
| 7 | A. Every investor would have their own loan |
| 8 | number. The same as GMAC would have their own loan |
| 9 | number to classify the different files. |
| 10 | Q. Okay. And are you aware of how a mortgage |
| 11 | that has been securitized, a mortgage note that's been |
| 12 | securitized, would be reflected on something like this, |
| 13 | on this summary? |
| 14 | A. I am not familiar. |
| 15 | Q. You are not familiar. Okay. Are you aware of |
| 16 | anyone at GMAC Mortgage, LLC that has access to these |
| 17 | MERS documents and records? |
| 18 | A. No, I'm not. |
| 19 | Q. You are not aware. Okay. Are you aware of |
| 20 | anybody at GMAC that would have a responsibility to |
| 21 | update the MERS documentation? |
| 22 | A. No. |
| 23 | Q. Okay. So the various individuals at GMAC that |
| 24 | execute assignments on behalf of MERS have no |
| 25 | responsibility to update the MERS' system that they had |

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| 1 | actually done those assignments or anything like that? |
| 2 | A. That would be correct. |
| 3 | Q. Okay. Are you aware then of how the MERS' |
| 4 | system is updated? |
| 5 | A. No. |
| 6 | Q. Okay. As a vice president, do you owe a |
| 7 | fiduciary duty to the original lender to ensure that the |
| 8 | mortgage is assigned to the proper entity? |
| 9 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: I actually don't understand your |
| 11 | question. |
| 12 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 13 | Q. Do you own any duty to the when you assign |
| 14 | these mortgages, you execute them as for MERS as |
| 15 | nominee for a particular entity, correct? |
| 16 | A. That would be correct. |
| 17 | Q. Do you owe any responsibility then to that |
| 18 | particular entity that MERS is nominee for to ensure |
| 19 | that the mortgage is transferred to the new correct |
| 20 | entity? |
| 21 | A. I don't know. |
| 22 | Q. Okay. All right. |
| 23 | MR. IMMEL: I have the corporate resolution |
| 24 | here. Which I'll enter it as Exhibit D. |
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| 1 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter D was marked for |
| 2 | identification.) |
| 3 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 4 | Q. Have you seen this document before? |
| 5 | A. Yes, I have. |
| 6 | Q. When was the first time you saw it? |
| 7 | A. I'm sorry, I can't say. I don't recollect. |
| 8 | Q. You're not sure. Is it fair to say it was |
| 9 | quite a while ago? |
| 10 | A. Yes. |
| 11 | Q. Did you have any role in creating it or |
| 12 | negotiating it? |
| 13 | A. No, I did not. |
| 14 | Q. No. Okay. The first paragraph says that you |
| 15 | are authorized to assign a lien of any mortgage loan |
| 16 | registered on the MERS register to the member. |
| 17 | Who would be the member according to this? |
| 18 | Would that be GMAC Mortgage, LLC? |
| 19 | A. I don't know. |
| 20 | Q. Okay. Assign the lien, in paragraph 2, of any |
| 21 | mortgage loan naming MERS as the mortgagee when the |
| 22 | member is also the current promissory note-holder, or if |
| 23 | the mortgage loan is registered on the MERS system, is |
| 24 | shown to be registered to the member. |
| 25 | When you are assigning liens, you already |

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| 1 | stated that you don't consult with any of the MERS |
| 2 | records to determine whether or not it's registered to |
| 3 | who whoever? |
| 4 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. Asked and |
| 5 | answered. Mischaracterization of prior testimony. |
| 6 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 7 | Q. Okay. You don't consult MERS system when |
| 8 | assigned these liens? |
| 9 | A. Yes. |
| 10 | MS. ARROYAVE: Asked and answered. |
| 11 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 12 | Q. All right. Okay. But is it fair to say that |
| 13 | you don't ascertain whether the member is the current |
| 14 | promissory note-holder when you assign the lien? |
| 15 | A. That would be correct. |
| 16 | Q. And you also don't know if the mortgage loan |
| 17 | is registered on the MERS system? |
| 18 | A. We are relying on our attorney network when |
| 19 | they check the title |
| 20 | Q. Okay. |
| 21 | A to verify what title it is presently in. |
| 22 | If it is MERS, we would sign for MERS. |
| 23 | Q. Okay. |
| 24 | MR. IMMEL: Exhibit E. |
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Page 32 (Defendant's Exhibit Letter E was marked for 1 2 identification.) BY MR. IMMEL: 3 Here is the GMAC Mortgage, LLC certificate of Q. 5 assistant secretary. Here you go. 6 And you are considered a limited signing officer giving you basically the same responsibility as 7 a junior officer? 8 9 MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. THE WITNESS: I don't know if that's a correct 10 statement. 11 12 BY MR. IMMEL: Okay. Are you familiar with this document? 13 Q. 14 Α. I have a copy of this document. Which to my recollection means that next to my name it gives me the 15 16 authority to sign for GMAC and its entities as a limited signing officer. 17 Okay. In this case, you also filed an 18 19 affidavit of lost original document? 20 MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. 21 BY MR. IMMEL: Okay. And you executed this document. 2.2 Q. 23 this your signature? Here is a copy of it. MR. IMMEL: I'll enter this as Exhibit F, I 24 believe. 25

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| 1 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter F was marked for |
| 2 | identification.) |
| 3 | THE WITNESS: Yes, that is my signature. |
| 4 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 5 | Q. Okay. And you signed this affidavit claiming |
| 6 | that at the time plaintiff was not presently in custody |
| 7 | or control of plaintiff or any of plaintiff's agents, |
| 8 | and that would be the note that was not in your their |
| 9 | custody or control? |
| 10 | A. Yes. Once again, we have a process in place |
| 11 | where if our attorney needs an original document, they |
| 12 | open up a request in our system. At that time, we have |
| 13 | another unit which is not located in Pennsylvania |
| 14 | where I am located contact custodians, contact their |
| 15 | own records, go to different investors. They do not do |
| 16 | an affidavit of this fashion unless they've exhausted |
| 17 | all efforts. |
| 18 | Q. Okay. Would it be fair to say that you're not |
| 19 | involved in any of those efforts? |
| 20 | A. That is fair to say. |
| 21 | Q. Okay. Why then do they ask you to execute the |
| 22 | affidavit of lost document lost original document? |
| 23 | A. They asked me to execute this for the |
| 24 | foreclosure department. Because after conversations |
| 25 | between the attorney and this other department, they |

Page 34 determine that it is not available. I am the 1 foreclosure team lead that handles document execution. 3 Okay. So would it be accurate to say that the department that actually searches for the lost note 4 5 would have a better understanding of why it's lost and where the search occurred? 6 That is a fair statement. Α. Okay. It says that the copy of said note 8 Q. 9 attached to the complaint is a true and correct and 10 substantial copy of the lost or destroyed note. Do you review any documents before executing 11 12 the affidavits of lost original documents? 13 Α. No, I do not. I review this. Let me change this. Excuse me. I do review this. However, I do not 14 review any documents. I rely, once again, on my 15 16 attorney network who is requesting the document, and 17 communications between the departments to determine if 18 it's -- if a lost affidavit is needed. 19 Okay. So the portion that sets claims in paragraph 1: Affiant has custody and personal knowledge 20 21 of the account pertaining the original mortgage loan 22 instruments. Affiant has actual and personal knowledge 23 of the facts stated herein and is authorized to make this affidavit. Would that be accurate? 24

Yes, that is accurate.

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Page 35 You being the affiant have custody and Q. 1 2 personal knowledge of the account pertaining to the original mortgage loan instruments? 3 MS. ARROYAVE: Object to the form. Go ahead. 4 5 THE WITNESS: I do not have the specific knowledge to this one account. But I understand 6 what the other department does in general to try to 7 locate these documents. 8 9 BY MR. IMMEL: Okay. All right. And so in this particular 10 Q. case, the -- there was no note attached to the 11 12 complaint. You would have no way of ascertaining that because you don't actually review? 13 That, once again, is determined by our 14 Α. attorneys' office. 15 16 Q. Okay. I'm going to just -- I have a substantial copy of the complaint. And just to show 17 that there is no note attached to it, that was the 18 19 original filing of the complaint. 20 You have never reviewed that, nor do you review any other note to determine whether it is, in 21 22 fact, a true, correct and substantial copy of the lost 23 or destroyed note? MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: 24 Form. 25 THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase that for me?

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| 1 | don't completely follow what you are saying. |
| 2 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 3 | Q. When you execute the affidavit of lost |
| 4 | original document, and make the claim that you've seen a |
| 5 | copy of the note that is attached and that's a |
| 6 | substantial copy, you really have no basis for making |
| 7 | that claim. |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: I'm still not following. |
| 9. | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 10 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 11 | Q. When the complaint in this case was filed, |
| 12 | there was no note attached to the complaint, correct? |
| 13 | A. From what you have just handed to me, there is |
| 14 | no note. |
| 15 | Q. Okay. Based on what I've provided you. |
| 16 | A. Yes. |
| 17 | Q. Do you normally review notes to make sure that |
| 18 | they are a true copy of the lost note? |
| 19 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: That is no, I do not. It is |
| 21 | not in my position. |
| 22 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 23 | Q. It's not in your position. |
| 24 | MR. IMMEL: All right. I guess I can enter |
| 25 | this a Exhibit G. |

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| 1 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter G was marked for |
| 2 | identification.) |
| 3 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 4 | Q. And going back, just for a second, to the lost |
| 5 | note affidavit. That is your signature? |
| 6 | A. Yes, that's correct. |
| 7 | Q. And your understanding is that the attorney |
| 8 | representing from your network drafts this? |
| 9 | A. That is correct. |
| 10 | Q. Okay. |
| 11 | MR. IMMEL: This is going to be Exhibit H. |
| 12 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter H was marked for |
| 13 | identification.) |
| 14 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 15 | Q. This is a copy of the note filed after the |
| 16 | complaint in this case. I don't have the notice of |
| 17 | filing page. |
| 18 | Have you ever seen this document before? |
| 19 | A. I have seen these documents. I have not seen |
| 20 | this document. |
| 21 | Q. Okay. And this wouldn't have been the |
| 22 | document that you reviewed in executing the lost note |
| 23 | affidavit? |
| 24 | A. No. We do not once again, we do not review |
| 25 | the note. Our attorney determines that the note is not |

Page 38 available through our processes. 1 2 Ο. Okay. MR. IMMEL: This would be Exhibit I. 3 (Defendant's Exhibit Letter I was marked for identification.) 5 BY MR. IMMEL: 7 This is the newly found note. Here. And as Q. you can see, if you could compare the two notes, one has 8 9 a couple of additional endorsements. Whereas, the previous one did not. Is that correct? 10 That is what I observe here, yes. 11 12 Okay. In the review of the two notes and the endorsements that are on them, have you seen this type 13 of situation before where one note that's been filed in 14 15 the case is partially endorsed and the other is a more

17 A. No, I have not.

complete record of endorsements?

- 18 Q. In following along the endorsements, can you determine who was the last owner of the note prior to
- your companies?

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- 21 A. I'm sorry. Can you rephrase that for me?
- 22 Q. Can you determine who GMAC Mortgage, LLC has
- 23 acquired the mortgage note from?
- A. The first endorsement I see here has a date.
- 25 It says, Mortgage Investor Corporation. It's signed on

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| 1 | February 27th, I believe, that's 2002. |
| 2 | Q. All right. And they were the original lender. |
| 3 | And then, as you can see, there is another endorsement |
| 4 | there to, I believe, GMAC Mortgage Corporation. And |
| 5 | there is also one GMAC Bank. Correct? |
| 6 | A. That is correct according to the observation |
| 7 | that I see on this document. |
| 8 | Q. So would you need an assignment from why do |
| 9 | you assign the MERS as a vice president of MERS, why |
| 10 | do you assign the MERS I'm sorry. Let me start over |
| 11 | there. |
| 12 | Why do you execute the assignment of mortgage |
| 13 | on behalf of MERS as nominee for the original lender and |
| 14 | not the last lender? |
| 15 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: Because as you stated, it's an |
| 17 | assignment of mortgage. It's not an assignment of |
| 18 | note. |
| 19 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 20 | Q. Right. |
| 21 | A. That's the only way I can answer that. The |
| 22 | mortgage itself, which we've both reviewed, states that |
| 23 | it's MERS as a nominee for Mortgage Investor |
| 24 | Corporation. |
| 25 | Q. Okay. So would you agree then that as the |

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| 1 | note was transferred through these endorsements to new |
| 2 | note-holders and owners that MERS remained the |
| 3 | mortgagee? |
| 4 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: I wouldn't have that knowledge. |
| 6 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 7 | Q. Okay. It's your understanding that MERS does |
| 8 | not assign the mortgage every time the note is |
| 9 | transferred; is that correct? |
| 10 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: I wouldn't have that knowledge |
| 12 | either. |
| 13 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 14 | Q. Okay. All right. Do you know who would have |
| 1 5 | that knowledge? |
| 16 | A. No, I do not. |
| 17 | Q. Okay. All right. |
| 18 | MR. IMMEL: And we have here defendant's |
| 19 | request for production regarding the Jeffrey |
| 20 | Stephan documents. That will be Exhibit J. |
| 21 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter J was marked for |
| 22 | identification.) |
| 23 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 24 | Q. Have you seen that document before? |
| 25 | A. I have not seen this document until recently |

Page 41 when I found out that I was coming here. 1 2 Okay. And also we have the response to the request for production regarding the Jeffrey Stephan 3 document. 4 That will be marked as Exhibit K. MR. IMMEL: 5 (Defendant's Exhibit Letter K was marked for identification.) 7 BY MR. IMMEL: 8 9 Q. I'm going to direct you to paragraph 5 where there has been an objection based on our request for all 10 MERS system documents, records, computer data, or other 11 MERS information reviewed by Jeffrey Stephan prior to 12 13 executing the assignment of mortgage filed in this case to determine the proper SNE. 14 It's been objected to as vague and ambiguous 15 16 and improperly presumes that plaintiff has custody or control over any MERS system documents. 17 As a MERS vice president, you don't have 18 access to any MERS system documents? 19 No, I do not. 20 Α. 21 Q. Okay. I do not work for MERS. 22 Α. 23 Q. Okay. And so you don't actually review any 24 documents prior to executing the assignment of mortgage? 25 MS. ARROYAVE: Asked and answered.

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| 1 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 2 | Q. Okay. And are there any do you receive any |
| 3 | letters, e-mails, or other correspondence from other |
| 4 | departments that have given you any instruction on any |
| 5 | of the documents which you execute? |
| 6 | A. No. |
| 7 | Q. No. And in paragraphs request No. 7, as |
| 8 | far as the search for the lost note, you didn't actually |
| 9 | partake in that search. So you are not aware of any of |
| 10 | the locations searched, other than by other people? |
| 11 | A. That's correct. |
| 12 | Q. Do you know who those people would be that |
| 13 | searched for the note? |
| 14 | A. There is a team that's in our Minnesota |
| 15 | office. I am not familiar with who would actually |
| 16 | search for the said document. |
| 17 | Q. What is the name of that team? Do you know |
| 18 | the name of that team? |
| 19 | A. I don't have a formal name for them. I call |
| 20 | them document control. But that's my own name for them. |
| 21 | Q. Okay. All right. You said that the attorneys |
| 22 | representing you prior in this case only ask you to |
| 23 | execute the lost note affidavit after a substantial |
| 24 | effort has occurred? |
| 25 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection. That goes into the |

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| 1 | attorney-client privilege. |
| 2 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 3 | Q. As far as you understand, a substantial search |
| 4 | for the lost note has already occurred by various people |
| 5 | within your team, other teams within GMAC at the request |
| 6 | of the attorneys? |
| 7 | A. Within GMAC the lost note affidavit or lost |
| 8 | instrument affidavit would not be executed until |
| 9 | everything has been exhausted. |
| 10 | Q. Okay. Is it common for a lost note affidavit |
| 11 | to be executed and then later the note to be found? |
| 12 | A. I don't know. |
| 13 | Q. You're not sure. Okay. Earlier you were |
| 14 | mentioning that now you work for GMAC, LLC; is that |
| 15 | correct? |
| 16 | A. That is correct. |
| 17 | Q. And you still execute documents as GMAC |
| 18 | Mortgage, LLC limited signing officers, as well? |
| 19 | A. That's the same thing you just stated. |
| 20 | Q. Right. One they dropped the name the |
| 21 | mortgage from the name, and one they haven't; is that |
| 22 | correct? |
| 23 | A. No. |
| 24 | Q. No. |
| 25 | A. One they dropped corporation and changed it to |

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| 1 | LLC. |
| 2 | Q. Oh, okay. |
| 3 | A. They became a limited liability company. |
| 4 | That's what LLC stands for. |
| 5 | Q. Okay. You said that there was an initially |
| 6 | there was a referral from the referral department to the |
| 7 | attorneys? |
| 8 | A. That would be correct. |
| 9 | Q. Do you ever review any of those documents in |
| 10 | your duties as executing these other documents? |
| 11 | A. No. |
| 12 | Q. So I'm going to turn to the this is the |
| 13 | note of authenticity ownership interrogatories limited |
| 14 | answers. Here you are. |
| 15 | MR. IMMEL: That will be Exhibit I. |
| 16 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter L was marked for |
| 17 | identification.) |
| 18 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 19 | Q. Do you know, I think, it is Juan A. Aquirre? |
| 20 | A. I do not know him. But I am familiar with his |
| 21 | name. |
| 22 | Q. Okay. Are you familiar with his duties? He's |
| 23 | a senior litigation analyst. |
| 24 | A. Yes. |
| 25 | Q. Do you know if he's a senior litigation |

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| 1 | analyst for GMAC Mortgage, LLC, or are there other |
| 2 | entities that he works for? |
| 3 | A. I honestly do not know. |
| 4 | Q. Okay. Would he be part of the document team |
| 5 | in Minnesota that may find a note? |
| 6 | A. No. |
| 7 | Q. No. Okay. Would he be somebody, do you know, |
| 8 | if in his duties he's somebody that searches for lost |
| 9 | documents? |
| 10 | A. No. |
| 11 | Q. Okay. |
| 12 | MS. ARROYAVE: Is that, no, you don't know? |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: No. He does not do that. |
| 14 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 15 | Q. He doesn't do that. Do you know what his |
| 16 | duties are? |
| 17 | A. As it states here, he is a senior litigation |
| 18 | analyst. I'm not sure of what his exact |
| 19 | responsibilities would be. |
| 20 | Q. Okay. But searching for lost documents |
| 21 | wouldn't be one of his responsibilities, more than |
| 22 | likely? |
| 23 | A. No, it would not be. |
| 24 | Q. Okay. And here are plaintiff's amended |
| 25 | answers. Okay. |

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| 1 | MR. IMMEL: I'll mark it as Exhibit M. |
| 2 | (Defendant's Exhibit Letter M was marked for |
| 3 | identification.) |
| 4 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 5 | Q. It asks to identify all persons and/or |
| 6 | entities who are the current beneficial owners of, or |
| 7 | who have a beneficial or equitable interest in the |
| 8 | promissory note. And Federal National Mortgage |
| 9 | Association has been identified, Fannie Mae. |
| 10 | Are you aware and then if you look at No. |
| 11 | 3, it says, Please identify all person and/or entities |
| 12 | who are current legal owners of, or who have legal |
| 13 | interest in the promissory note. |
| 14 | A. I don't have the same affidavit you have. |
| 15 | Q. Okay. Defendant's note. Do you have the |
| 16 | mortgage loan? |
| 17 | A. That's the mortgage loan. |
| 18 | Q. Okay. |
| 19 | MS. ARROYAVE: What has been introduced? Has |
| 20 | this set of interrogatory been |
| 21 | MR. IMMEL: Yes. |
| 22 | MS. ARROYAVE: But not the other? |
| 23 | MR. IMMEL: No. This was also entered, |
| 24 | correct? |
| 25 | THE COURT REPORTER: I think it was the last |

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| 1 | one. |
| 2 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 3 | Q. So if you look at paragraphs 2 and 3, can you |
| 4 | explain to me why Fannie Mae would have the beneficial |
| 5 | or equitable interest in the promissory note, based on |
| 6 | your understanding? |
| 7 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection. It calls for a |
| 8 | legal conclusion. |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: No, I can't. |
| 10 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 11 | Q. And earlier when we discussed the MERS |
| 12 | documentation where Ginnie Mae was identified as the |
| 13 | investor, would it be fair to say that the beneficial or |
| 14 | equitable interest would actually lie with the person |
| 15 | who made the loan? |
| 16 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection. It calls for a |
| 17 | legal conclusion. |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: I don't have that knowledge. |
| 19 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 20 | Q. Okay. And based on the MERS documentation |
| 21 | that I presented to you earlier, where the investor was |
| 22 | identified as Ginnie Mae. In paragraph 5 here, they are |
| 23 | identifying Fannie Mae as the investor. |
| 24 | Do you have any understanding of as to why |
| 25 | those two things would |

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| 1 | A. No, I don't. |
| 2 | Q there would be a discrepancy there? Okay. |
| 3 | All right. |
| 4 | And going back to the mortgage loan ownership |
| 5 | and the interrogatories one more time. Can you explain |
| 6 | why one entity would have the beneficial interest and |
| 7 | another entity would have a legal interest |
| 8 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection. It calls for a |
| 9 | legal conclusion. |
| 10 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 11 | Q based on your company's protocols? |
| 12 | A. I don't have that knowledge. |
| 13 | Q. Okay. GMAC Mortgage owns some loans and |
| 14 | services other; is that correct? |
| 15 | A. To my knowledge that would be a correct |
| 16 | statement. |
| 17 | Q. Okay. Do they and then in other instances, |
| 18 | they both own loan and service the loan? |
| 19 | A. That would be a fair statement. |
| 20 | Q. Okay. Is it possible that GMAC Mortgage is |
| 21 | the servicer for this loan and another entity whether |
| 22 | it be Fannie Mae, Ginnie Mae, or any other entity |
| 23 | perhaps is the owner and GMAC is just the servicer? |
| 24 | A. That's possible. But I'm not familiar enough |
| 25 | to say yes or no. |

Page 49 Okay. All right. I'm just going to go over 1 Q. the notice of taking the deposition duces tecum. 2 3 (Defendant's Exhibit Letter N was marked for identification.) BY MR. IMMEL: 5 All right. This is -- and just for the Q. 6 record, Exhibit A, if you would turn to that. This is a 7 list of the documents that we requested that you bring. 8 A request for production. And you provided some of them 9 10 earlier. 11 I just wanted to go over it and see if you brought any of these documents today, or if you were 12 just relying on what was produced in the request for 13 production. Okay? 14 15 The deponent's most recent curriculum vitae? Α. I didn't feel I needed to bring that. That's 16 17 personal. Okay. You actually provided the corporate 18 resolution for MERS and for GMAC. You presented the 19 list of certifying officers. And the MERS system 20 documents records, you already stated that you don't 21 22 have any access. Your team brings you the documents. And you 23 don't receive any direct communication from the 24

attorneys that draft them?

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| 1 | A. The only type of communication I would receive |
| 2 | from an attorney is if a document is late in being |
| 3 | returned. |
| 4 | Q. Okay. All right. And it would be fair to say |
| 5 | that your primary responsibility is to create and |
| 6 | execute these documents, not to actually do any of the |
| 7 | underlying duties of ascertaining specific knowledge or |
| 8 | information about them, correct? |
| 9 | MS. ARROYAVE: Objection: Form. Asked and |
| 10 | answered. |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: And the answer to that would be, |
| 12 | no. |
| 13 | MR. IMMEL: All right. I think that's most of |
| 14 | it. Just let me have on second to review, but I |
| 15 | think that's most of it. All right. I think that |
| 16 | should do it for today. |
| 17 | Thank you very much for traveling here. |
| 18 | MS. ARROYAVE: I have a few questions. |
| 19 | MR. IMMEL: Yeah. I'm sorry about that. |
| 20 | MS. ARROYAVE: You can't have all of the fun. |
| 21 | Can I look at the exhibits? |
| 22 | CROSS (JEFFREY STEPHAN) |
| 23 | BY MS. ARROYAVE: |
| 24 | Q. I'm going to show you what has been previously |
| 25 | marked as Defendant's Exhibit C to your deposition. |

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| 1 | Do you have any knowledge of how this document |
| 2 | is created? |
| 3 | A. No. |
| 4 | Q. Do you have any knowledge as to whether the |
| 5 | information in this document is accurate? |
| 6 | A. No. |
| 7 | Q. Do you know how this is prepared? |
| 8 | A. No. |
| 9 | Q. Okay. Let me show you what has been |
| 10 | previously marked as Defendant's Exhibit A to your |
| 1.1 | deposition. It is the assignment of mortgage. |
| 12 | The information that is used to prepare this |
| 13 | mortgage is kept in GMAC Mortgages' business records; is |
| 14 | that correct? |
| 15 | A. Yes. |
| 16 | Q. And these business records from where this |
| 17 | information came from were created by persons in GMAC |
| 18 | Mortgage, employees of GMAC Mortgage, right? |
| 19 | A. Yes. |
| 20 | Q. And the information was entered into the |
| 21 | computer system by these GMAC Mortgage employees at the |
| 22 | time that they became aware of the information? |
| 23 | A. Yes. |
| 24 | Q. And they had a business duty to enter the |
| 25 | information into the computer system; is that correct? |

Page 52 Α. Yes. 1 2 And this information, these business records are kept within the course and scope of GMAC's regularly 3 conducted business activities; is that correct? 4 5 Α. I'm going to say yes. 6 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you what has been 7 previously marked as Defendant's Exhibit F to your deposition. And it's the affidavit of lost original 8 9 document. 10 Is the information you used to prepare this lost original document kept in GMAC Mortgages' business 11 12 records? Α. I don't understand the question. 13 Okay. The information in the lost original 14 Q. 15 document, is that -- GMAC Mortgage is the owner and 16 holder of the note, correct? 17 Α. Yes. Is that information kept within the course and 18 19 scope of GMAC's business records? 20 Α. Yes. And the information in GMAC's business records 21 Q. 22 are entered by persons with knowledge of the information 23 that GMAC is the owner of the note? 24 MR. IMMEL: Objection: Leading. 25 THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase it?

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| 1 | sure if I follow what you are saying. |
| 2 | BY MS. ARROYAVE: |
| 3 | Q. The business records that GMAC has regarding |
| 4 | whether it is the original whether it is the owner of |
| 5 | the note, was entered by persons that have personal |
| 6 | knowledge of whether GMAC is the owner of the note; is |
| 7 | that correct? |
| 8 | A. I honestly don't know. I do not work in those |
| 9 | departments. |
| 10 | Q. Okay. |
| 11 | MS. ARROYAVE: I have nothing further. |
| 12 | REDIRECT (JEFFREY STEPHAN) |
| 13 | BY MR. IMMEL: |
| 14 | Q. I would just ask: The assignment of the |
| 15 | mortgage and the information on it, this is not created |
| 16 | by anyone at this specific document isn't actually |
| 17 | created by a member or a worker for GMAC Mortgage, it is |
| 18 | actually created by the attorney? |
| 19 | A. Yes. |
| 20 | Q. Okay. So the attorney would have to be |
| 21 | relying on business records of GMAC Mortgage in forming |
| 22 | this? |
| 23 | A. That would be correct. |
| 24 | Q. Okay. And as to the lost note, this too is |
| 25 | created by the attorney, correct? |

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| 1 A. | | | |
| 2 Q. | Okay. | | |
| 3 | MR. IMMEL: All right. That does it. | | |
| 4 | MS. ARROYAVE: That's it. | | |
| 5 | MR. IMMEL: All right. Thank you. | | |
| 6 | MS. ARROYAVE: We will read. | | |
| 7 | THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. | | |
| 8 | (Witness excused.) | | |
| 9 | (Deposition was concluded.) | | |
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